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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I think it is not a question put to me."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It was a question put to you, Sir. I think the rule is that, when the questions are laid on the table of the House, the references quoted in the answers should be available on the Secretary's table. I want to know whether that has been complied with."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" There is no suggestion in the question that any particular way of publication should be resorted to by the Government. The hon. Member asks only for the orders passed by the Government after the consideration of the question and the Government refer the hon. Member to the *Port St. George Gazette*. If he had asked that the orders passed should be placed on the table of the House the Government would surely have complied with the request."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I think that it is the practice that the references quoted in the answers should be available on the Secretary's table. You will kindly consider the question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has never been the practice that, when reference is made to previous answers, those answers are placed on the table of the House."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" My recollection is that the question was considered and orders were issued that when such references are given, copies of them should be made available."

*Encroachments and damages to country tracks.*

\* 2328 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the answer given at the meeting of the Council on 19th August 1925 to question No. 96, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Member for Revenue, be pleased to state the result of their consideration of the steps to prevent encroachments on and damage to the country tracks?

A.—The matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know at what stage the matter is? I understand that people are put to considerable inconvenience. The question is addressed to the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Member for Revenue. May I know from either of them as to when this matter will be disposed of?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" As early as possible."

*Representation of depressed classes in certain local boards.*

\* 2329 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN : With reference to the answer to question No. 1767 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 24th March 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any of the Indian Christian members of the *Mayavaram Taluk Board* and of the *Tranquebar Union Board* have been nominated to represent the depressed classes; and

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(b) whether the Government propose to appoint members of the depressed classes of the Hindu faith only to represent their classes in the Legislative Council, Local Boards, Municipalities and such other institutions?

A.—(a) M.R.Ry. V. D. Guanaratnam and M.R.Ry. Isaac Athisayam have been nominated as members of the Mayavaram Taluk Board and Tranquebar Union Board, respectively, to represent the depressed classes. The latter is a Christian Adi-Dravida and the Government have no information whether the former is a Christian or not.

(b) As to appointments to local boards, municipalities, etc., the Government do not propose to lay down any hard and fast line. Appointments to the Legislative Council are made by His Excellency the Governor.

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN :—"May I know whether an Adi-Dravida who becomes a Muhammadan would be called a Muhammadan Adi-Dravida?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"What is meant is that, a Christian has been nominated to represent the community of the depressed classes."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN :—"Where members of the depressed class are converted to another faith, say, the Christian faith,—the Christians have a separate electorate—they become members of a separate community. Do the Government still want to recognize them as members of the depressed classes?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"The question of nominating a particular individual depends upon the condition of the candidate. If the condition of the candidate is depressed, he is nominated."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"With reference to the latter part of the answer to clause (a) I want to know whether the appointing authorities do not call for the particulars before they nominate the candidates. The appointing authorities are the presidents of the district boards in the case of taluk boards, and the presidents of the taluk boards in the case of union boards."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member is putting the question to the Government and not to the presidents of district or taluk boards."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"Where is the difficulty for the Government getting the information? Why don't they get the information? Have they made any attempts to get the particulars?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Order, order. The hon. Member is making a speech."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—"The list of members is available. But the particular information wanted by the hon. Member is not available."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Till now, we understood by the words 'depressed classes', particular communities. In the light of what the hon. the Raja of Panagal said, am I to understand that it does not depend upon the communities to which they belong but on their present condition whether they are depressed or not?"



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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Where a suitable Adi-Dravida candidate is available for nomination, he would be preferred. Where such ones are not available, Adi-Dravidas who have embraced other persuasions will be given a chance of being nominated."

### Municipal Councils..

*Alleged cancellation of the licence for the ginning and decorticating factory at Kurnool.*

\* 2330 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the licence for ginning and decorticating factory of Gunda Narasimhayya and Bijanapalle Rosayya of Kurnool has been cancelled by the Government, and if so, for what reasons;

(b) whether the licence for the said factory had been granted by the Municipal Council of Kurnool; and

(c) whether the Government propose to compensate the factory owners Gunda Narasimhayya and Bijanapalle Rosayya?

A.—(a) In exercise of the powers conferred upon them under section 36 (i) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the Government have cancelled the execution of the resolution of the Kurnool Municipal Council, No 349, dated 14th November 1925, in which permission was granted to Messrs. Gunda Narasimhayya and Bijanapalle Rosayya to erect a ginning factory in the Rissala, Kurnool municipality, as in the opinion of the Government its execution was likely to cause danger to the health of persons residing in the locality.

(b) The municipal council granted permission for the construction of the factory on 14th November 1925, but long before that date the factory had been built and the machinery had been installed.

(c) No.

### Public Health.

*Preservation and issue of anti-smallpox vaccine.*

\* 2331 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what were the results of the new method of the preservation and issue of anti-smallpox vaccine in the year 1925-26; and

(b) what further improvements have been introduced or are in contemplation?

A.—(a) The information required by the hon. Member is embodied in the annual vaccination report, and the annual administration report on the working of the King Institute, Guindy. The vaccination report for 1925-26 has been received by the Government, and will be issued shortly. The report on the